

COUNTY PROFILE

Grant Co.

Grant Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Grant Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 42nd fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 79th largest in the state. Grant Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

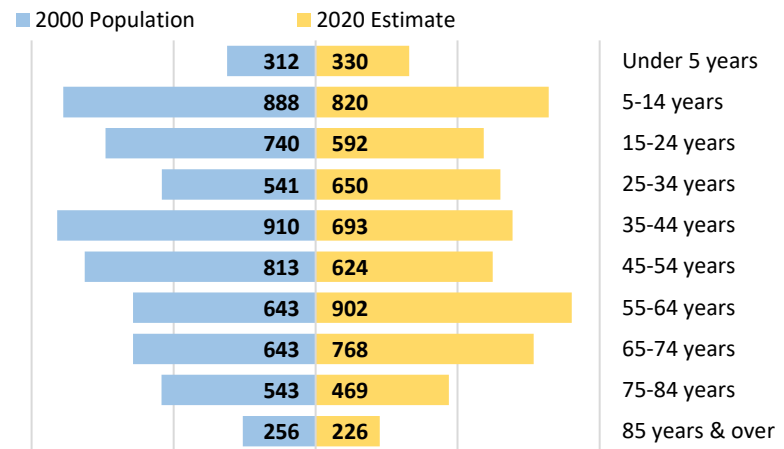
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| Current population: | 6,074 people |
| Population change, 2010-2020 | 56 people 0.9% increase |

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|-------------|-------------------|
| Median Age: | 44.3 years |
| state: | 38.3 years |

| Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent |
| Under 5 years | 330 | 5.4% |
| 5-14 years | 820 | 13.5% |
| 15-24 years | 592 | 9.7% |
| 25-34 years | 650 | 10.7% |
| 35-44 years | 693 | 11.4% |
| 45-54 years | 624 | 10.3% |
| 55-64 years | 902 | 14.9% |
| 65-74 years | 768 | 12.6% |
| 75-84 years | 469 | 7.7% |
| 85 years & over | 226 | 3.7% |
| Total Population | 6,074 | 100.0% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2020



Grant Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Grant Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019

| | Total Population Change | April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| | | Natural Increase | Vital Events | | Net Migration | | |
| | | | Births | Deaths | Total | International | Domestic |
| Grant Co. | -46 | -36 | 615 | 651 | -8 | 1 | -9 |
| State of Minnesota | 335,705 | 250,488 | 637,356 | 386,868 | 88,161 | 114,414 | -26,253 |

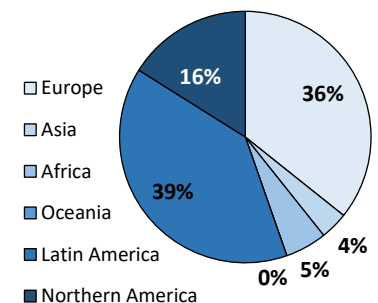
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Grant Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Grant Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

| Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019 | Grant Co. | | Change 2010-2019 | | Minnesota | |
|---|-----------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percent | Change |
| Foreign-born Population | 56 | 0.9% | -43 | -43.4% | 8.5% | 28.9% |
| Europe | 20 | 35.7% | 4 | 25.0% | 9.9% | 4.5% |
| Asia | 2 | 3.6% | -17 | -89.5% | 37.5% | 30.3% |
| Africa | 3 | 5.4% | -8 | -72.7% | 25.5% | 72.0% |
| Oceania | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | #DIV/0! | 0.5% | 37.2% |
| Americas: | 31 | 55.4% | -22 | -41.5% | 26.6% | 10.0% |
| Latin America | 22 | 39.3% | -24 | -52.2% | 24.1% | 12.2% |
| Northern America | 9 | 16.1% | 2 | 28.6% | 2.5% | -7.7% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019



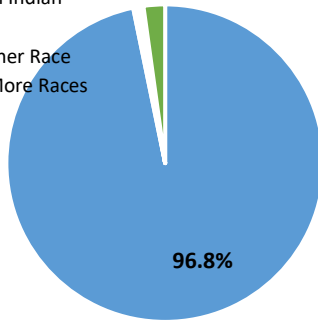
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Grant Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races



| Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019 | Grant Co. | | | Minnesota | |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Change from 2000-2019 | Percent | Change from 2000-2019 |
| Total | 5,935 | 100.0% | -5.6% | 100.0% | 13.1% |
| White | 5,743 | 96.8% | -7.1% | 82.8% | 4.7% |
| Black or African American | 17 | 0.3% | 30.8% | 6.4% | 107.6% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 17 | 0.3% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 5.5% |
| Asian or Other Pac. Islanders | 4 | 0.1% | -66.7% | 4.9% | 87.8% |
| Some Other Race | 24 | 0.4% | 26.3% | 1.9% | 58.1% |
| Two or More Races | 130 | 2.2% | 176.6% | 3.0% | 99.9% |
| Hispanic or Latino origin | 137 | 2.3% | 315.2% | 5.4% | 108.9% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

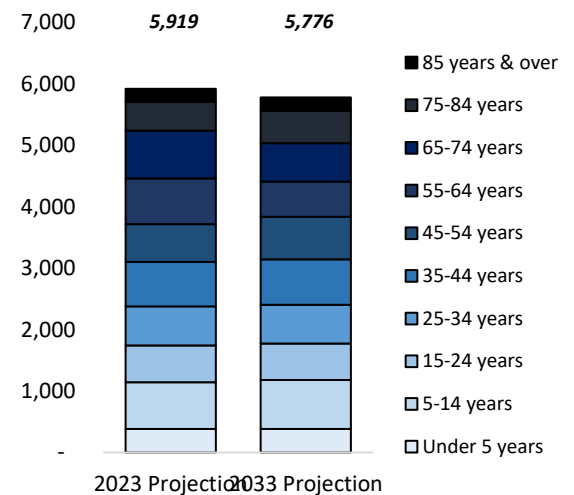
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Grant Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033

| Grant Co. | 2023 Projection | 2033 Projection | Numeric Change | Percent Change |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Under 5 years | 385 | 381 | -4 | -1.0% |
| 5-14 years | 759 | 799 | 40 | 5.3% |
| 15-24 years | 596 | 595 | -1 | -0.2% |
| 25-34 years | 640 | 627 | -13 | -2.0% |
| 35-44 years | 724 | 739 | 15 | 2.1% |
| 45-54 years | 613 | 693 | 80 | 13.1% |
| 55-64 years | 743 | 572 | -171 | -23.0% |
| 65-74 years | 775 | 628 | -147 | -19.0% |
| 75-84 years | 471 | 525 | 54 | 11.5% |
| 85 years & over | 213 | 217 | 4 | 1.9% |
| Total Population | 5,919 | 5,776 | -143 | -2.4% |

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Grant Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Grant Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

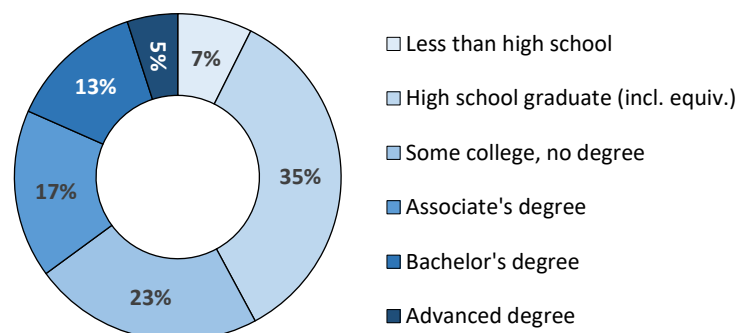
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

92.6%

College-educated: 57.9%
state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: 16.7%
Bachelor's Degree: 13.4%
Advanced Degree: 5.0%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019



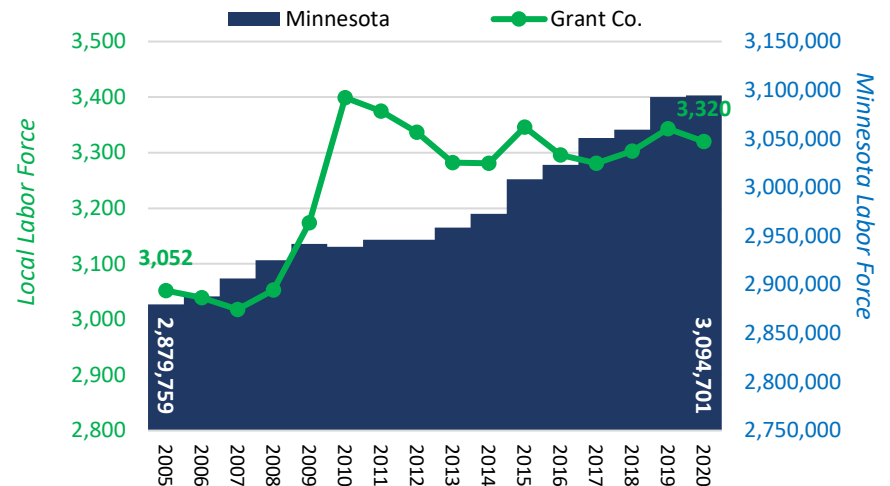
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.9%, Grant Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Grant Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 4.5% in 2019, but was lower than the 7.9% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Grant Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| 3,320 | available workers |
| <i>Labor Force change, 2005-2020</i> | <i>268 workers 8.8% increase</i> |
| 4.9% | unemployment rate |
| <i>6.2%</i> | <i>state</i> |
| 163 | unemployed workers |

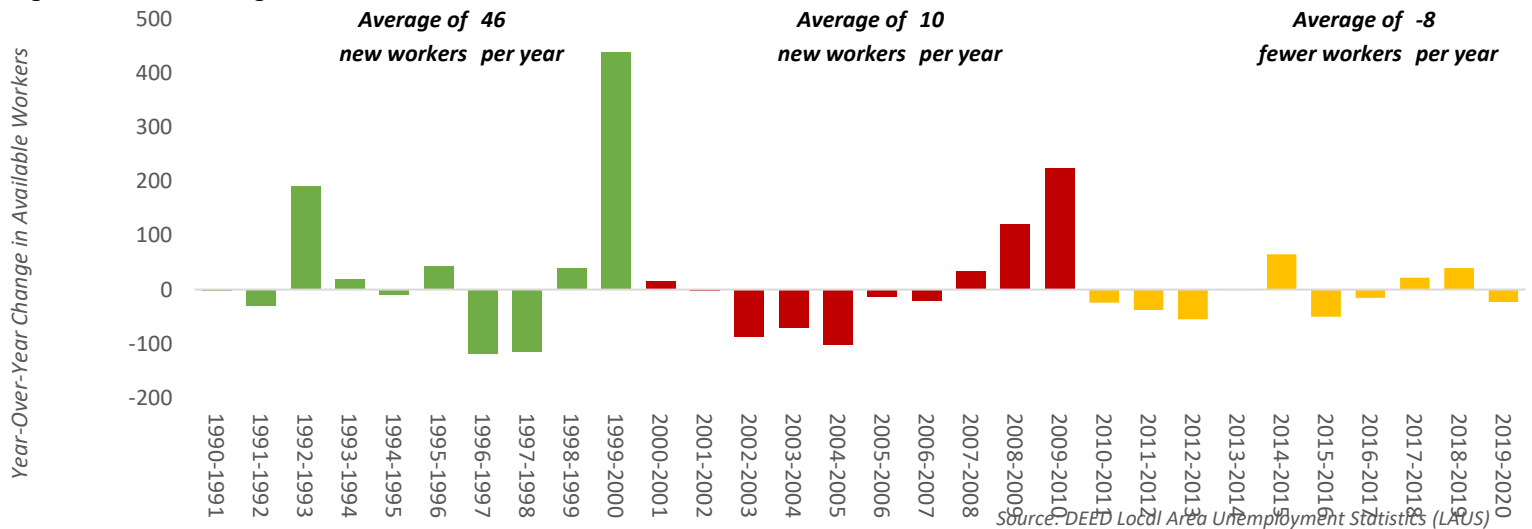
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 45.8 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Grant Co. averaged an annual gain of 9.8 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -7.9 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Grant Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020



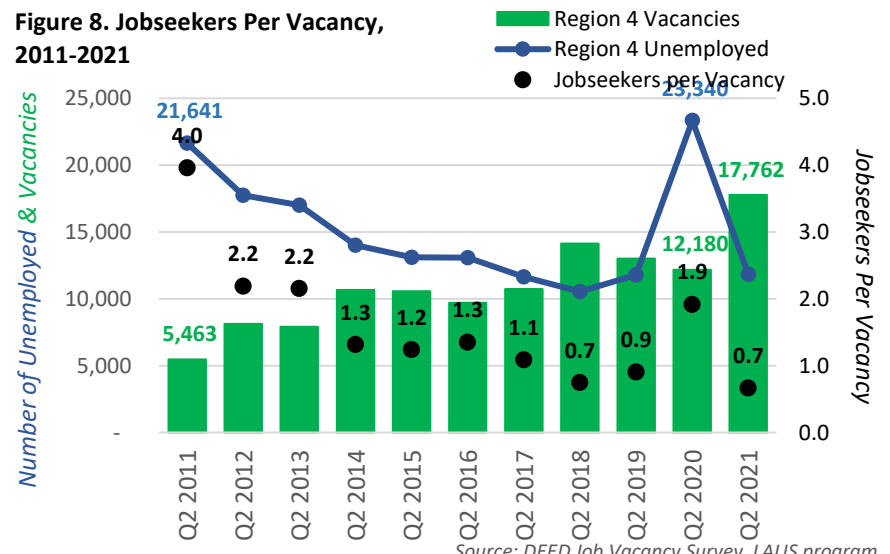
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

| Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2023-2033 | Labor Force Projection | |
|---|------------------------|--------------|
| | 2023 | 2033 |
| 16 to 24 years | 335 | 340 |
| 25 to 54 years | 1,782 | 1,855 |
| 55 to 64 years | 550 | 423 |
| 65 years & over | 323 | 275 |
| Total Labor Force | 2,990 | 2,894 |

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Northwest reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2011-2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Grant Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Grant Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2019

| | Grant Co. | | | Minnesota | | Grant Co. | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | In Labor Force (available workers) | Labor Force Partic. Rate | Unemp. Rate | Labor Force Partic. Rate | Unemp. Rate | Male | Female |
| Total Labor Force | 3,066 | 64.9% | 4.1% | 69.7% | 3.6% | 1,719 | 1,347 |
| 16 to 19 years | 82 | 42.3% | 8.5% | 53.2% | 11.0% | 58 | 24 |
| 20 to 24 years | 260 | 87.2% | 8.5% | 84.6% | 6.0% | 145 | 115 |
| 25 to 44 years | 1,146 | 90.4% | 4.5% | 88.8% | 3.2% | 614 | 532 |
| 45 to 54 years | 603 | 89.6% | 2.0% | 87.6% | 2.7% | 329 | 274 |
| 55 to 64 years | 673 | 74.0% | 2.9% | 73.0% | 2.8% | 374 | 299 |
| 65 to 74 years | 253 | 35.1% | 5.1% | 27.9% | 2.2% | 162 | 91 |
| 75 years & over | 49 | 7.4% | 0.0% | 6.6% | 2.4% | 37 | 12 |

Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| White alone | 2,966 | 64.7% | 3.9% | 69.3% | 3.0% |
| Black or African American | 12 | 70.6% | 66.7% | 71.3% | 8.8% |
| American Indian & Alaska Native | 11 | 84.6% | 0.0% | 58.9% | 12.6% |
| Asian or Other Pac. Islanders | 2 | 100.0% | 0.0% | 71.2% | 4.3% |
| Some Other Race | 19 | 95.0% | 0.0% | 77.7% | 6.1% |
| Two or More Races | 55 | 62.5% | 1.8% | 73.6% | 7.4% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 77 | 92.8% | 0.0% | 76.5% | 6.1% |

Employment Characteristics by Disability

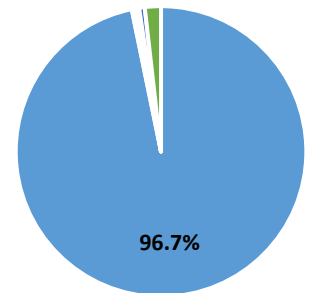
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| With Any Disability | 159 | 49.2% | 14.5% | 53.0% | 8.6% |
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Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
| Population, 25 to 64 years | 2,423 | 85.0% | 3.5% | 84.5% | 3.0% |
| Less than H.S. Diploma | 125 | 72.3% | 5.1% | 66.3% | 4.2% |
| H.S. Diploma or Equivalent | 627 | 81.1% | 3.3% | 78.5% | 2.6% |
| Some College or Assoc. Degree | 1,160 | 87.2% | 3.2% | 85.3% | 3.0% |
| Bachelor's Degree or Higher | 510 | 88.9% | 1.6% | 90.0% | 1.7% |

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2019

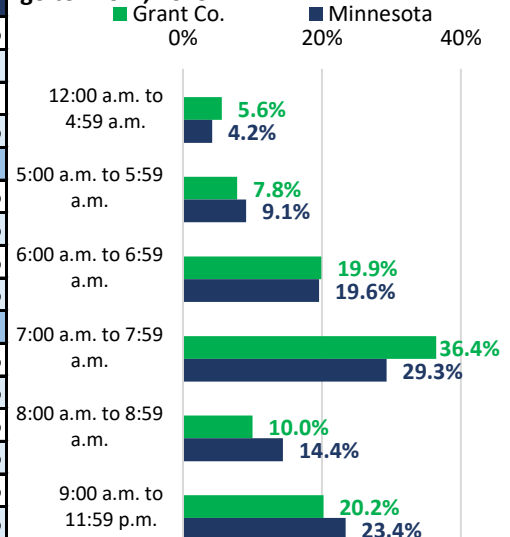


- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

A smaller percentage of workers in Grant Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Grant Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

| Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019 | Grant Co. | | Minnesota | |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Worked in state of residence | 2,846 | 98.7% | 2,837,697 | 97.6% |
| Worked in county of residence | 1,655 | 57.4% | 1,846,247 | 63.5% |
| Worked out of county of residence | 1,191 | 41.3% | 991,449 | 34.1% |
| Worked outside state of residence | 37 | 1.3% | 69,779 | 2.4% |
| MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK | | | | |
| Car, truck, or van | 2,474 | 85.8% | 2,506,244 | 86.2% |
| Public transportation (excl. taxicab) | 3 | 0.1% | 101,762 | 3.5% |
| Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.) | 127 | 4.4% | 125,021 | 4.3% |
| Worked at home | 280 | 9.7% | 171,541 | 5.9% |
| TRAVEL TIME TO WORK | | | | |
| Less than 10 minutes | 793 | 27.5% | 456,474 | 15.7% |
| 10 to 19 minutes | 597 | 20.7% | 872,243 | 30.0% |
| 20 to 29 minutes | 571 | 19.8% | 645,460 | 22.2% |
| 30 to 44 minutes | 646 | 22.4% | 575,680 | 19.8% |
| 45 to 59 minutes | 150 | 5.2% | 194,801 | 6.7% |
| 60 or more minutes | 127 | 4.4% | 162,819 | 5.6% |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 22.6 minutes | | 23.7 minutes | |

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2019



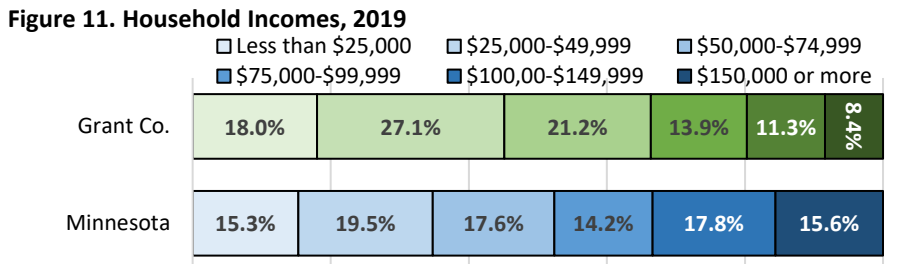
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Grant Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Grant Co. had the 48th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Median Household Income | \$55,466 |
| state | \$71,306 |
| Median Family Income | \$66,375 |
| state | \$89,842 |
| Per Capita Income | \$32,871 |
| state | \$37,625 |

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Grant Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.55 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.42 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020

| Single Adult, 0 children | Single Yearly Cost of Living | Hourly Wage Required | Monthly Costs | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|-------------|---------|----------------|-------|-------|
| | | | Child Care | Food | Health Care | Housing | Transportation | Other | Taxes |
| Grant Co. | \$30,263 | \$14.55 | \$0 | \$355 | \$163 | \$608 | \$785 | \$263 | \$348 |
| State of Minnesota | \$32,964 | \$15.85 | \$0 | \$355 | \$153 | \$832 | \$704 | \$325 | \$378 |
| Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child | Family Yearly Cost of Living | Hourly Wage Required | Monthly Costs | | | | | | |
| | | | Child Care | Food | Health Care | Housing | Transportation | Other | Taxes |
| Grant Co. | \$48,100 | \$15.42 | \$252 | \$810 | \$519 | \$723 | \$919 | \$420 | \$365 |
| State of Minnesota | \$58,800 | \$18.85 | \$546 | \$810 | \$549 | \$1,069 | \$819 | \$515 | \$592 |

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Grant Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 67th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Grant Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

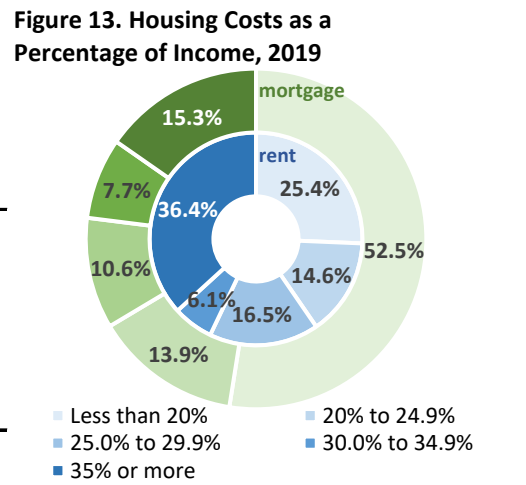
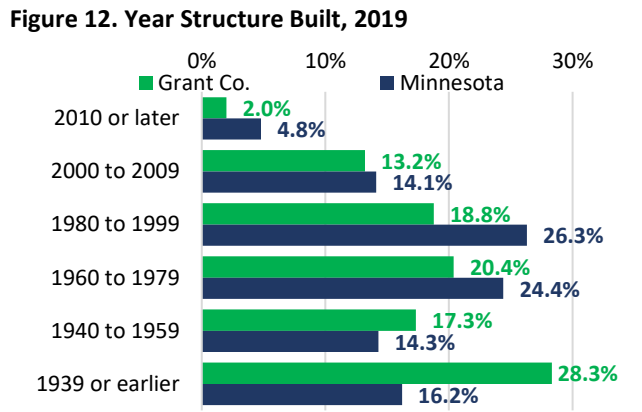
Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2019

| | Grant Co. | | Minnesota |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | Total | Percent | Percent |
| Total | 2,022 | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Less than \$50,000 | 300 | 14.8% | 4.6% |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 557 | 27.5% | 7.8% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 332 | 16.4% | 12.3% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 295 | 14.6% | 17.9% |
| \$200,000 to \$299,999 | 261 | 12.9% | 28.1% |
| \$300,000 to \$499,999 | 189 | 9.3% | 21.5% |
| \$500,000 or more | 88 | 4.4% | 7.9% |
| Median (dollars) | \$118,700 | | \$223,900 |

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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|--|---------|
| Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage | \$1,097 |
| state | \$1,580 |
| Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs | 23.0% |
| state | 21.8% |
| Median monthly rent costs | \$657 |
| state | \$977 |
| Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent | 42.5% |
| state | 45.1% |

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.61 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 7th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$43.45) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.39) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021

| Occupational Group | Region 4 | | | | State of Minnesota | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | Median Hourly Wage | Estimated Regional Jobs | Share of Total Jobs | Regional Location Quotient | Median Hourly Wage | State-wide Jobs | Share of Total Jobs |
| Total, All Occupations | \$19.61 | 78,570 | 100.0% | 1.0 | \$23.00 | 2,708,760 | 100.0% |
| Management | \$43.45 | 3,510 | 4.5% | 0.7 | \$54.22 | 164,530 | 6.1% |
| Business & Financial Operations | \$28.37 | 2,680 | 3.4% | 0.5 | \$35.24 | 179,670 | 6.6% |
| Computer & Mathematical | \$33.50 | 1,030 | 1.3% | 0.4 | \$44.89 | 98,240 | 3.6% |
| Architecture & Engineering | \$31.73 | 1,450 | 1.8% | 0.9 | \$38.90 | 54,880 | 2.0% |
| Life, Physical & Social Science | \$31.39 | 530 | 0.7% | 0.7 | \$35.48 | 26,120 | 1.0% |
| Community & Social Service | \$22.66 | 2,360 | 3.0% | 1.5 | \$24.21 | 55,630 | 2.1% |
| Legal | \$34.57 | 330 | 0.4% | 0.6 | \$41.02 | 19,760 | 0.7% |
| Education, Training & Library | \$25.13 | 6,060 | 7.7% | 1.3 | \$24.64 | 159,060 | 5.9% |
| Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media | \$16.30 | 1,240 | 1.6% | 1.2 | \$25.72 | 36,260 | 1.3% |
| Healthcare Practitioners & Technical | \$29.68 | 4,800 | 6.1% | 0.9 | \$36.90 | 188,210 | 6.9% |
| Healthcare Support | \$14.88 | 4,850 | 6.2% | 1.1 | \$15.52 | 157,140 | 5.8% |
| Protective Service | \$24.92 | 1,200 | 1.5% | 1.0 | \$24.18 | 42,520 | 1.6% |
| Food Preparation & Serving Related | \$12.39 | 5,920 | 7.5% | 1.0 | \$13.34 | 195,120 | 7.2% |
| Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint. | \$15.70 | 2,250 | 2.9% | 1.0 | \$16.14 | 74,550 | 2.8% |
| Personal Care & Service | \$13.33 | 1,390 | 1.8% | 0.9 | \$14.57 | 51,660 | 1.9% |
| Sales & Related | \$14.94 | 8,500 | 10.8% | 1.2 | \$16.83 | 250,430 | 9.2% |
| Office & Administrative Support | \$19.14 | 9,270 | 11.8% | 0.9 | \$20.93 | 338,050 | 12.5% |
| Farming, Fishing & Forestry | \$17.37 | 280 | 0.4% | 2.3 | \$18.14 | 4,230 | 0.2% |
| Construction & Extraction | \$22.76 | 4,400 | 5.6% | 1.5 | \$29.84 | 102,390 | 3.8% |
| Installation, Maintenance & Repair | \$23.88 | 3,570 | 4.5% | 1.2 | \$25.45 | 98,840 | 3.6% |
| Production | \$19.58 | 6,930 | 8.8% | 1.2 | \$19.82 | 202,240 | 7.5% |
| Transportation & Material Moving | \$18.26 | 6,040 | 7.7% | 1.0 | \$18.83 | 209,210 | 7.7% |

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

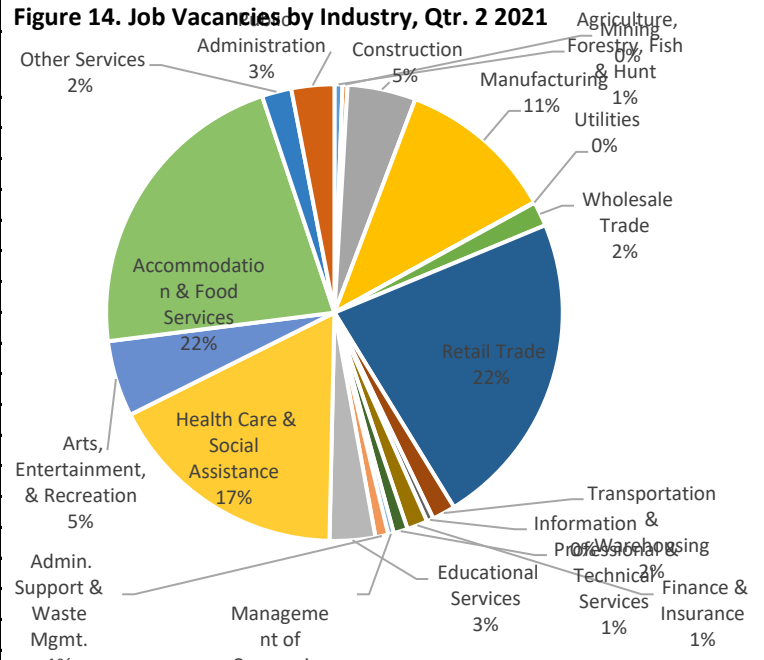
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Grant Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 17762 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021

| Occupational Group | Number of Vacancies | Wage Offer |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Total, All Occupations | 17,762 | \$15.13 |
| Management | 189 | \$31.17 |
| Business & Financial Operations | 286 | \$29.99 |
| Computer & Mathematical | 149 | \$28.03 |
| Architecture & Engineering | 83 | \$20.27 |
| Life, Physical & Social Sciences | 39 | \$21.59 |
| Community & Social Service | 329 | \$18.75 |
| Education, Training & Library | 295 | \$23.97 |
| Healthcare Practitioners & Technical | 1,403 | \$23.26 |
| Healthcare Support | 1,885 | \$13.87 |
| Protective Service | 115 | \$18.41 |
| Food Preparation & Serving Related | 3,646 | \$12.97 |
| Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint. | 806 | \$17.47 |
| Personal Care & Service | 221 | \$13.21 |
| Sales & Related | 2,388 | \$13.97 |
| Office & Administrative Support | 801 | \$15.07 |
| Construction & Extraction | 555 | \$20.71 |
| Installation, Maintenance & Repair | 1,106 | \$15.99 |
| Production | 1,283 | \$15.94 |
| Transportation & Material Moving | 1,855 | \$14.97 |

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 2 2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Occupations in Demand, 2020

| Less than High School | High School or Equivalent | Some College or Assoc. Deg. | Bachelor's Degree or Higher |
|--|--|---|--|
| Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners \$29,059 | Nursing Assistants \$33,192 | Registered Nurses \$70,869 | Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$55,653 |
| Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$27,537 | Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$44,853 | Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$35,815 | Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$57,557 |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$33,677 | Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$43,383 | Surgical Technologists \$50,177 | Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$36,299 |
| Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$31,147 | Computer User Support Specialists \$48,506 | Computer Network Support Specialists \$60,416 | Accountants and Auditors \$59,318 |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$45,816 | Dental Assistants \$44,363 | Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$50,325 | Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary \$101,280 |
| Pharmacy Technicians \$35,018 | Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers \$62,623 | Agricultural and Food Science Technicians \$38,083 | General Internal Medicine Physicians NA |
| Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan \$32,542 | Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$35,744 | Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$63,159 | Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$53,033 |
| Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$30,581 | Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines \$59,788 | Forest and Conservation Technicians \$49,367 | Nurse Practitioners \$117,222 |
| Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators \$38,150 | Health Information Technologists, Medical Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and \$56,465 | Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers \$65,205 | Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School \$57,777 |
| Operating Engineers and Other Construction \$50,500 | Electricians \$57,871 | Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$46,625 | Rehabilitation Counselors \$34,434 |

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

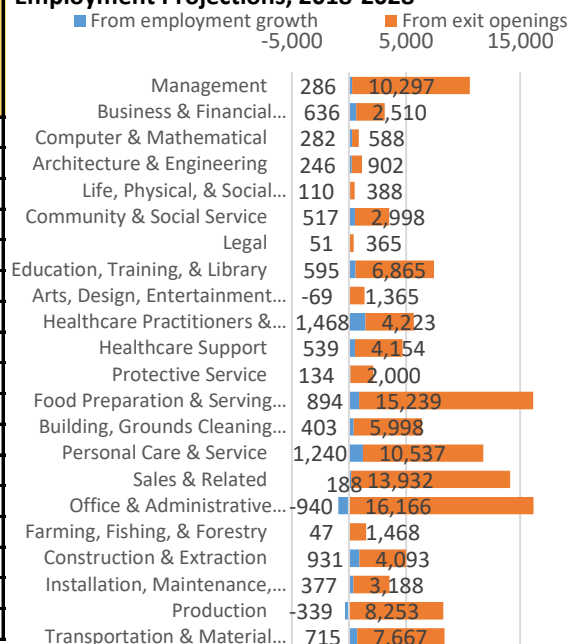
Grant Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 4.2% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028

| Northwest Planning Region | Estimated Employment 2018 | Projected Employment 2028 | Percent Change 2018-2028 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total, All Industries | 263,134 | 271,445 | 3.2% |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 5,833 | 6,003 | 2.9% |
| Utilities | 1,185 | 1,155 | -2.5% |
| Construction | 10,281 | 11,330 | 10.2% |
| Manufacturing | 29,207 | 29,064 | -0.5% |
| Wholesale Trade | 12,153 | 12,545 | 3.2% |
| Retail Trade | 28,148 | 28,190 | 0.1% |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 6,934 | 7,284 | 5.0% |
| Information | 2,506 | 2,128 | -15.1% |
| Finance & Insurance, Real Estate | 7,476 | 7,789 | 4.2% |
| Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies | 5,618 | 6,143 | 9.3% |
| Administrative & Waste Services | 4,369 | 4,978 | 13.9% |
| Educational Services | 23,141 | 23,679 | 2.3% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 38,050 | 42,165 | 10.8% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 25,231 | 25,664 | 1.7% |
| Other Services, Ex. Public Admin | 10,196 | 10,174 | -0.2% |
| Public Administration | 23,300 | 23,980 | 2.9% |

Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Grant Co. had the 78th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Grant Co. was the 33rd fastest growing in the past year and the 49th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Grant Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state.

260 business establishments

\$42,913 annual average wage

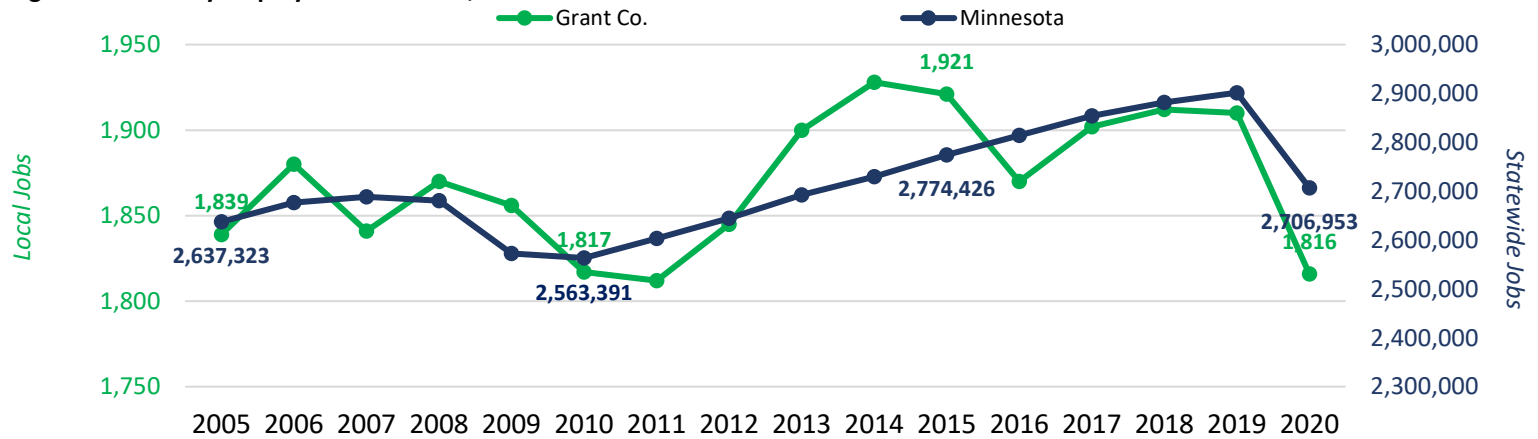
1,816 jobs

\$77,929,713 total industry payroll

Job change,
2015-2020

-105 jobs
-5.5% decline

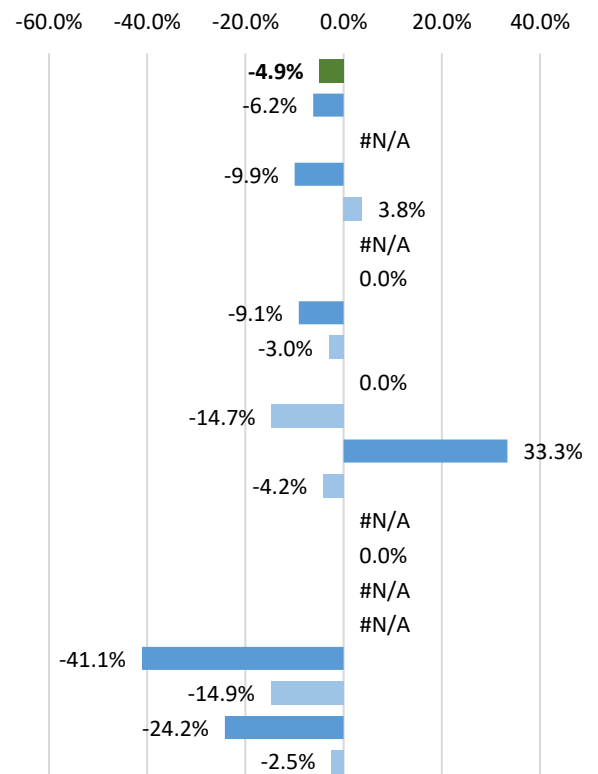
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020



Source: DEED QCEW program

| Table 15. Grant Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2020 | Number of Jobs | Percent of Total Jobs | Average Annual Wage |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Total, All Industries | 1,816 | 100.0% | \$42,913 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt | 121 | 6.7% | \$40,431 |
| Mining | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A |
| Construction | 172 | 9.5% | \$46,515 |
| Manufacturing | 110 | 6.1% | \$46,665 |
| Utilities | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A |
| Wholesale Trade | 158 | 8.7% | \$81,306 |
| Retail Trade | 159 | 8.8% | \$22,756 |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 64 | 3.5% | \$31,696 |
| Information | 37 | 2.0% | \$60,575 |
| Finance & Insurance | 64 | 3.5% | \$59,255 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 4 | 0.2% | \$38,263 |
| Professional & Technical Services | 23 | 1.3% | \$26,817 |
| Management of Companies | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A |
| Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs. | 16 | 0.9% | \$24,948 |
| Educational Services | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A |
| Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation | 6 | 0.3% | \$16,989 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 32 | 1.7% | \$6,075 |
| Other Services | 69 | 3.8% | \$36,140 |
| Public Administration | 157 | 8.6% | \$49,001 |

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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